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## Barrier Against Assumed Omnipotence



HE only barrier against the development of secularism into an assumed omnipotence is God. Faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ holds

all earthly government up to its responsibility to God. And God in his providence has always taken care that assumed omnipotence is humbled. To every government which in times past has presumed to assert its irresponsible sovereignty, God has sooner or later protested, "Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?"

True patriots, looking upon the wreckage of such nations, are above all desirous that our present, partially Christianized nation shall not repeat this tragic and pathetic history, by asserting its own sovereignty as independent of God and Him whom God has set forth as "the Prince of the Kings of the earth." Assertion of such authority is sooner or later embodied in some attempt to exercise it that brings it into conflict with the Almighty in His government of the world.

Such conflict begins often in legislation supposed to be for public welfare but which ends in public degeneracy and misery. It has often begun in national expansion, passed through the stages of military aggression and inhuman despotism, and ended in destruction. In the history of the world the "white horse" of the Apocalypse has generally been fol-

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ISA. 10:15

lowed by the "red horse" of war, the "black horse" of disaster and the "pale horse" of death.

There is but one insurance against this age-old, inevitable experience, written in the annals of every great empire of the past. It is for a people, collectively, in framing their instruments of government, to listen to the voice of the King of Kings when he says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me," and to so shape these instruments that His teachings and the influence of His character control them as the radio now does the flight of the airplane, the ship of the sea and the torpedo under the sea.

It is the internal mechanism that leads to the result; that is, this subtle, invisible, intangible control. In our Ship of State we see no other way of security against the "way that seemeth right to a man" but whose end is inevitably death than official recognition of the authority of Christ, the use of His teachings as the guide in the erection of ethical standards and the constant response to that invisible authority which is felt only by the obedient heart of a loyal people.

For men to place this definite limitation upon the sovereignty they undertake to assert and exert is the only way to be sure that at some point in the highway of the ages, God will not dispense with their governmental creation as a workman casts away a worn-out or broken tool.

IN SOCIAL ROOM  
OF  
MONTGOMERY HALL



# Annual Conference

IT is the consensus of opinion that the Annual Conference and Business Meeting of The National Reform Association held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 2 and 3, 1929, was the best in years. The attendance was large, the addresses were of a high order, the interest was deep, and the spirit of unanimity and good will, and of confidence as the leaders of the Association face the future, was especially gratifying.

The afternoon session of the Conference was presided over by Mrs. Elizabeth J. Gibson, President of the Allegheny County W.C.T.U. whose cooperation we had in securing the presence of a large number of W.C.T.U. women at the meeting. Dr. Ella M. George led the devotional exercises. The address at this session was made by Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard who spoke on "The Silent Legion." This was the address given by Mrs. Shepard at the Pennsylvania State W.C.T.U. Convention in October and which made such a deep impression that many of those who heard it then have asked our Association to arrange for its being given in their communities. It was a masterly and impressive presentation of the case for maintaining national prohibition in America and contrasted conditions in prohibition America with those in European countries where the drink traffic is licensed and where Mrs. Shepard visited this past summer.

The Annual dinner following the afternoon session which was served by the ladies of the Conference church, was attended by one hundred and fifty representative persons from Pittsburgh and the surrounding territory. In the after dinner addresses, all are agreed that the high water mark of the Conference was reached. Dr. Hugh Leith, Vice-President of The National Reform Association acted as toastmaster and after a few well chosen remarks, introduced the speakers. The first speaker was Dr. J. W. Claudy, the new Executive Secretary of the Council of Churches of Christ of Pittsburgh who brought the greetings and best wishes of the Council of

Churches and expressed his high appreciation of the convictions and loyalty to the great ideals of Christian government, of those who are carrying forward the National Reform cause. All the other speakers were members of the staff of the Association. In their brief addresses practically every phase of National Reform work—its specific reforms and the fundamental reform of Christian government underlying all these specific reforms—and the vital character of this work, were set forth in a way that showed the ability of the members of the staff, their fitness for their work, their comprehension of the entire National Reform movement and their aptitude in presenting its different phases of work. Mrs. Shepard spoke not only of her own Anti-Mormon work but of the great fundamental task of the Association in proclaiming the Kingship of Christ in its application to national life. Dr. Swift in a masterly way set forth this same great objective of the Association. Dr. Parsons' address was so forceful and so apt in its illustrations that in response to requests we will present extracts from it in our next issue of *The Christian Statesman*.

Mr. Agnew, writer of the pageant which was presented at the evening session of the Conference, spoke of the important place pageantry is now being given in presenting truth and securing a hearing for it and of the importance of the Research work being done by the Association and its program for restoring the Bible to the public schools.

Dr. Fleming said that while he believed in and was interested in every phase of National Reform work he had determined years ago to devote himself to the great movement to restore the Bible to the public schools believing that if we could reach the oncoming citizens of America in the public schools with the moral and religious ideals of the Bible that many of the other problems which now confront us would solve themselves. The President of the Association in closing the addresses paid a high compliment to the Association's staff, its speakers, writers, bookers and office secretaries, declaring that he believed no other organization in the country had a staff which in ability, fitness for

their task and loyalty, would compare with that of The National Reform Association. He emphasized the fact of the undenominational character of the Association stating that on its staff of workers as well as its Board of Directors were those who belong to practically all the leading Protestant denominations — Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Lutheran, Presbyterian, United and Reformed Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian and Episcopal.

While emphasizing the vital importance of the specific reforms for which the Association labors, such as Prohibition, the Sabbath, the Bible in the Schools, International Peace, he stressed the fact that the great purpose for which the Association labored was to bring the citizenship of the nation to lay the crown of the nation's sovereignty at the feet of Him who is Savior King of nations as truly as of men.

Mrs. N. O. Pritchard presided at the piano and led in the singing of America and The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The evening session was given over to the presentation of the pageant, "The Freedom of Liberty Bell," presented by a cast of some seventy-five persons of all ages. An audience of four hundred people witnessed its presentation and many of these expressed themselves as highly pleased with the message the pageant carries and the way in which the cast, especially the leading characters presented it. We were honored in having some officers and members of the Board of Directors take part in the pageant—our Vice-President, Dr. Hugh Leith, Drs. T. D. Edgar and R. A. Hutchison, Rev. R. W. Redpath and Mr. W. A. C. Brown.

A few days before Christmas there came to us a fifty dollar check from a friend in New Jersey who makes an annual contribution to our work and whose contribution was not due until January, with a note, "May God continue to bless you all in all your good work is the frequent prayer of . . ."

Such unsolicited checks and messages as this hearten us and give us new faith as we enter the New Year.



# Annual Business Meeting

THE Annual Business Meeting of The National Reform Association was held on Tuesday, December 3rd at ten A. M. in the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. Dr. R. H. Martin, President of the Association, presided. Reports from the Field Department, Publication Department and Finance Department were made and approved. Dr. Ella M. George reported for the Publication Department, Dr. Hugh Leith for the Field Department and Mr. F. H. Davis for the Finance Department. The President of the Association in his annual report surveyed the work of the past year summarizing its chief accomplishments. He enumerated the following as reasons for gratitude to God:

1. The unanimity and goodwill that prevail among all our workers and the Board of Directors.
2. The ability and loyalty of the members of our staff of workers.
3. The interest and devotion of the members of the Board of Directors, most of whom give much of their time to the direction of our work, all of which is a service of love and devotion to our cause.
4. The fact that notwithstanding the very great difficulty in securing funds to carry forward our work, the Lord has gone before and provided the means so that we are in a better condition financially at the close of the year than we were at the beginning.
5. The large amount of vital work which we have been able to accomplish during the past year.

A brief and incomplete summary of the work accomplished follows.

## 1. Research Work:

Additional research work has been done in bringing up to date our files on Sabbath laws and court decisions and also upon state laws and court decisions bearing upon the use of the Bible in the public schools. Also in the table of statistics published in the December issue of The Christian Statesman and based upon figures received from the Bureau of Census of United States government showing that only 18% of the total population of the United States is being reached by the Bible Schools of all the churches and thus laying the bases for an appeal for increased effort on the part of the

churches to reach the 96,000,000 people in the United States new beyond the reach of her schools and for the program of The National Reform Association to restore the Bible to the public schools that its great ideals may be instilled into the hearts of the 25,000,000 youth in these schools.

## 2. Legislative Work:

Aid given, in the passage of the Jones Stalker bill providing for heavier maximum penalties for the violation of the Prohibition Law; in defeating bills before the Pennsylvania and Ohio Legislatures to weaken and destroy our Sabbath laws. Assistance given in many local communities throughout the country where the enactment or repeal of Sabbath laws was involved.

Assistance through counsel or literature or appearing before committees of the legislature on behalf of Bible reading in the public schools in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Arkansas. Our greatest effort in the field of legislation was in securing the introduction of the bill for Bible reading and non-sectarian Bible teaching in the public schools of Michigan. While this bill failed of passage in the Lower House of the Michigan Legislature by two votes, so great was the progress made that the Michigan Citizens' Committee co-operating with our Association, took action that their Committee and our organization should continue to press the fight with a view to securing the passage of a similar bill in the Legislature of Michigan two years hence.

## 3. Literature:

Literature sent out during the year on the Sabbath, the Bible in the Schools, Prohibition, Mormonism, the Family, International Peace and the fundamentals of Christian Government reaching into millions of pages has been carefully placed. Eleven issues of The Christian Statesman were published totaling 664,000 pages. The Statesman Clip Sheet has gone out each month to 669 editors of secular and religious papers. Over 50,000 personal letters with literature enclosure have gone out from the office during the year.

## 4. Field Force:

Attention is called to the fact that nearly every member of our Field Force is an expert in the par-

ticular department of our work in which he labors. Considering the increasing difficulties of securing appointments when the condition of taking an offering in connection with an address is considered, we have reason to be thankful that the members of our Field Force have made 900 addresses in 15 states during the year.

## 5. Conferences:

Three conferences of consequence have been held during the year. The Lansing, Michigan Conference in January was a two-day conference on Religion and Morals in Public Education addressed by twenty-six religious, educational or political leaders of the state. This conference led to the introduction of the Bible bill into the Michigan Legislature and the raising of a committee of fifty prominent Michigan citizens to cooperate with our Association in behalf of the campaign for the Bible in the schools of that state.

The Winona Lake Conference which was held last July-August, at which forty addresses were made to representative audiences gathered at this mid-west assembly from every part of the country.

The annual Conference held here in Pittsburgh in connection with the annual meeting of the Association.

## 6. Campaigns:

The outstanding campaign was the Michigan campaign for the Bible in the schools referred to above. Dr. Fleming gave the greater part of the year to this campaign and the President of the Association considerable time. An extensive educational campaign was carried on throughout the state in the interest of the passage of the Harnley Bible Bill. Many thousand copies of special issues of The Christian Statesman and other literature for the Bible in the schools were sent to religious leaders throughout the state, many addresses were made in the interest of the passage of the bill and considerable work was done at Lansing while the Legislature was in session. An impact was made upon the state and the work done so advanced the cause that the campaign is to continue for the next two years.

7. The new pageant, "The Freedom of Liberty Bell," has been giv-

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**London Conference**

At the London Five Power Conference on Naval Armaments to meet on January 21st, the representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan will gather in an attempt to make an agreement that will result in the material reduction of naval armaments. Following the ratification of the Paris Peace Pact, signed by fifty-four nations and renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, this Conference should result in a forward step in giving effect to the Pact.

The success of the Conference will depend upon the support given those who are representing their governments at the Conference by those who are sincerely desirous of peace. The individuals and interests favoring the maintenance of large navies will be active in pressing their side of the case. Let those favoring the reduction of naval armaments be as active in communicating their views to the delegates. We urge that letters from organizations and individuals asking for the abolition of battleships and submarines and a material reduction in other classes of naval vessels be sent to the members of the United States delegation as follows: Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State; Charles Francis Adams, Secretary of the Navy; General Charles G. Dawes, Ambassador to Great Britain; Hugh S. Gibson, Ambassador to Belgium; Dwight W. Morrow, Ambassador to Mexico; Joseph T. Robinson, Senator from Arkansas and David A. Reed, Senator from Pennsylvania.

All of the above except Ambassador Dawes and Ambassador Gibson, who are now in Europe, will sail for London on January 9th on the George Washington. It is suggested that letters be sent to the members of this delegation and addressed care of The George Wash-

ington, United States Steamship Lines, New York City, sailing January 9th.

Here is something definite and practical for our readers to do. We also urge that prayer be offered in all our churches, especially on the Sabbath preceding the Conference, for its success.

**Supporting the President**

The National Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment, composed of thirty-one cooperating organizations, held its annual meeting at the Grace Dodge Hotel of Washington, D. C. on December 11th and 12th. Representatives of most of these cooperating organizations, which include many of the outstanding prohibition leaders of America, were in attendance at the Conference. Many important phases of the Prohibition situation in America were discussed at length by the Conference and in almost every instance the conclusions arrived at were concurred in by all those present and crystallized in the resolutions of the Conference. Praise of President Hoover and confidence in his leadership in the maintenance and effective enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and unqualified support of him in this leadership were expressed by the Conference. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. The President of the United States, in his Annual Message to Congress, presented certain legislative proposals for the reorganization of the agencies for prohibition enforcement, including the transfer of certain activities from the Treasury to the Department of Justice. We favor the enactment of all necessary legislation to make his program effective. We hereby declare our confidence in him and pledge to him our unwavering support.

2. We recommend cooperation with officials of the Government and our friends in Congress in the preparation and passage of adequate legislation for the enforcement of prohibition in the District of Columbia.

3. On the proposal to make the purchaser of liquor legally as guilty as is he who sells, we believe that:

"Since a Commission on Law Observance and Law Enforcement is now making a survey and in due time, is expected to propose needed legislation, and since the construction of existing law as effecting the

purchaser has not been determined by the Supreme Court, and finally, since litigation involving this matter is now in process, definite action should be deferred."

The following officers of the National Conference were elected for the ensuing year:

President: Mrs. Ella A. Boole, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union;

Vice-Presidents: Dr. F. Scott McBride, General Supt., Anti-Saloon League of America;

Dr. Oliver W. Stewart, President, The Flying Squadron Foundation;

Secretary: Dr. Edwin C. Dinwiddie, Supt., The National Temperance Bureau;

Treasurer: Dr. Renwick H. Martin, President, The National Reform Association.

The additional members of the Executive Committee are:

Dr. Arthur J. Barton, Chairman, Commission on Social Service of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Wm. Sheafe Chase, Supt., The International Reform Federation; Dr. Eugene L. Crawford, Secretary, Board of Temperance and Social Service of the M.E. Church, South; Dr. D. Leigh Colvin, Chairman, Prohibition National Committee.

The organizations cooperating in the National Conference are: Alcohol Information Committee; Anti-Saloon League of America; Association of Catholics Favoring Prohibition; Association in Support of National Prohibition; Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Board of Temperance and Social Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; Catholic Clergy Prohibition League; Board of Temperance and Social Service of the Disciples of Christ; Commission on Law Enforcement of the Congregational Church; Commission on Social Service of the Southern Baptist Convention; Committee on Promotion of Temperance Legislation in Congress; Department of Moral Welfare of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; Department of Social Service of the United Presbyterian Church; Department of Social Service of the Universalist Church; Department of Temperance and Good Citizenship of the United Society of Christian Endeavor; Flying Squadron Foundation; Friends (Five Years' Meeting) Prohibition Board, Intercollegiate Prohibition Association;



International Order of Good Templars; International Reform Federation; National Civic League; National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America; National Reform Association; National Temperance Society; National Woman's Christian Temperance Union; National United Committee for Law Enforcement; Prohibition National Committee; Scientific Temperance Federation; Social Service Division of the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society; Temperance Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America; Unitarian Temperance Society.

## Real Hinderances

Permanent peace would have been established long ago had not there been real obstacles in the way. It is easy to blame it upon common human selfishness, greed, fear, ambition or race egoism. These are all age old evils. It is the present embodiments of these evil spiritual states of men, that often parade as national virtues, which need to be singled out for destruction in order to clear the way for peace.

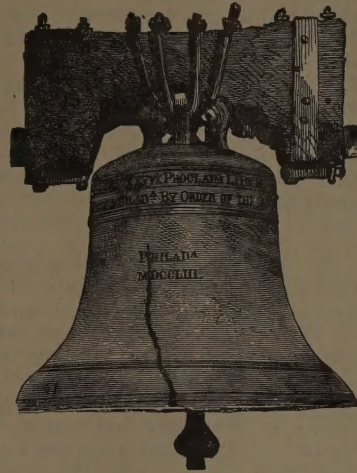
Chiefest among these are the unethical lines of international commerce such as the trade in slaves, narcotic drugs, liquors, arms, munitions and prostitutes, pornographic literature and swindling devices. As long as these exist and are protected by the nations they will be irritants which carry in themselves the germs of war.

Next to these come the anti-Christian conceptions of sovereignty, the supremacy of the state, the source of authority, national interests and the right to dominate unwilling peoples. As long as nations believe that what the state can do it has a natural right to do there will be wars in the world.

Military professionalism will always work, perhaps unconsciously, against the establishment of peace. The expansion of our army establishment under the Defense Act, the ill starred Geneva Naval Conference, Germany's development of the military mind and the continued great armies of France and Italy are all the out-working of a profession which has outlived its day in the world and is rapidly bringing to pass, by its own genius for expansion, the prediction of the poet Longfellow when he wrote in the "Arsenal at Springfield." "The warriors name will be a name abhorred."

## The Freedom of Liberty Bell

The new pageant with the above title written by Mr. F. R. Agnew of the staff of The National Reform Association has awakened wide interest and is meeting with hearty



commendation. In its six episodes, the pageant reveals the growing power of the Christian principles implanted in our nation by its founders, the true ideal of American liberty as against lawlessness, exposes the real character and doings of John Barleycorn throughout our nation's history, tells in a most impressive way the story of the long struggle which culminated in the enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment and makes a strong appeal for law observance and for "carrying on" until the victory against the Liquor Traffic is complete.

The pageant depicts interesting and dramatic incidents in Colonial, Revolutionary, Civil War and present day periods of American history and is featured by a romance. Among the leading characters are George Washington, Robert Morris, Betsy Ross, Little Uncle Sam and Uncle Sam, Mr. Bottle, Miss Liberty Bell, Lincoln, Frances E. Willard. It can be presented with from forty to fifty characters, most of whom appear in costume.

Many appreciations of the pageant from those who witnessed its presentation have come to us, among which are the following:

Rev. R. A. Hutchison, D.D., L.L.D., General Secretary of the Board of American Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and former Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church,

"The new pageant, 'The Freedom of Liberty Bell,' was presented under the direction of The National Reform Association December 2, 1929 in the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., to a large and intensely interested audience. This pageant carries a striking and informing message to eye and ear. It is both instructive and inspirational. It thrills young and old with moral ideas and ideals and stirs the heart with the spirit of patriotism. Every American ought to hear and witness this picture of American history."

Rev. Hugh Leith, D.D., pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.,

"The pageant, 'The Freedom of Liberty Bell,' which was given in the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., last Monday night, is, in my judgment, a wise approach to the problem of creating public opinion in support of reform work in general, and in liquor reform in particular.

"The use of the dramatic vehicle for such a message is suggested in the practice of educational authorities all over the world. The pageant itself has high interest value in its plot alone, and the subject treated heightens the interest. From first to last the audience seemed to be eagerly attentive.

"I am glad The National Reform Association is introducing this feature into its program."

Rev. T. D. Edgar, D.D., formerly President of The National Reform Association and now pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Wilkesburg, Pa.,

"It was my privilege to see the pageant, 'The Freedom of Liberty Bell,' last Monday evening. I was deeply impressed with its historical significance and the careful portrayal of the situations incident to the legal fastening of the liquor traffic on our national life. The whole makes a presentation that will be remembered and will do good for the cause of civic righteousness."

"The pageant was worth half a dozen books to the children," was the testimony of Miss Cora I. Blackledge, Juvenile Court Officer of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, who brought fifty children to witness its presentation.

The National Reform Association will be glad to hear from representatives of organizations who think favorably of putting this pageant on in their communities. Conditions and terms will be furnished gladly.



## Association Activities

During the months of November and December, Prof. Dickason made twenty-four addresses in churches, high schools, prisons, young people's conferences and teachers' institutes in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania reaching 5,500 people.

The Christian Statesman extends heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. N. O. Pritchard of our staff in the loss of her mother who passed to her heavenly rest in the latter part of November. For many years she had been an invalid and was confined to her bed.

Mrs. N. O. Pritchard now has the use of a Tudor Sedan Ford car in her work of securing speaking engagements for Mrs. Shepard. The National Reform Association purchased this car for her use. The extra work she has been able to do with the use of the car has already shown the wisdom of its purchase.

From December 1st to 20th Mrs. Shepard spoke in the vicinity of Pittsburgh making fifteen addresses. She spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter in New York City. Beginning the first of the year she will address a series of meetings in Philadelphia after which it is planned she will go into Virginia.

We were pleased to have Dr. C. F. Swift, Veteran National Reformer, who has spoken from our platform for some twelve years, with us at the annual Conference of our Association. He made one of the addresses at the dinner. On the Sabbath preceding he spoke in the Greenside Avenue United Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

Since the middle of October, Dr. W. S. Fleming has been working in Michigan in the interest of the campaign for the Bible in the schools which the Michigan Citizens' Committee for the Bible in the schools, now numbering fifty-four, has endorsed and in which our Association has the cooperation of this Committee. He has been speaking in Detroit and vicinity and interviewing leading citizens and organizations in the interests of the campaign.

The Service Bureau of The National Reform Association under Prof. Dickason's direction, arranged for the months of November and December forty-three meetings addressed by President Franklin of the Crossnore, North Carolina school for Mountain Highlanders; one addressed by Rev. R. A. Blair of Parnassus, Pennsylvania; ten by Mr. Carl Williams of the Byron King School of Oratory and two by the Freeman Hammond Concert Company of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Parsons, the able Associate Editor of The Christian Statesman, whose facile pen furnishes many of the articles for The Statesman, was recently called to the Presbyterian Church of Pulaski, Pennsylvania. He accepted the call, giving up his church at Sewickley and moved to Pulaski. He continues his work as heretofore with The Christian Statesman only we do not have his presence in our offices as much as before. We extend to him our best wishes in his new field of work as preacher and pastor.

Dr. R. H. Martin spent a week the first of December in Philadelphia, New York and Washington. On Sabbath, December 8th, he spoke three times in Philadelphia churches. On December 9th he made the main address at the annual meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States in New York City on the subject, "The Sabbath and Democracy." He spent three days in Washington where he attended the annual conference of the International Reform Federation, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federal Motion Picture Council of America, of which he is a member and was elected one of the vice presidents, and the annual meeting of The National Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment.

Dr. Martin and Mrs. Shepard attended the annual meeting of The National Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment held in Washington, D. C., December 11th and 12th, as the representatives of The National Reform Association. This Conference is made up of thirty-two national organizations which de-

veloped out of the National Legislative Conference one year ago. The new organization is getting under way and has before it great possibilities in coordinating the forces and organizations working for the maintenance and triumph of national prohibition and in setting up a great program which will measure up to present day prohibition needs. Elsewhere in this issue will be found an account of the actions taken by the Conference and the list of officers elected for the coming year. Dr. Martin was elected treasurer of the above organization.

The new pageant, "The Freedom of Liberty Bell," written by F. R. Agnew of our staff and to which reference has been made in The Christian Statesman, has been given three times recently in the Pittsburgh district by The National Reform Association. On November 26th it was given in the College Hill Junior High School auditorium, Beaver Falls, Pa., to a good sized and interested audience. On the afternoon of the preceding day, as an educational feature, it was presented to seven hundred pupils of the College Hill Junior High School and upper grades. The members of the cast, about seventy-five in all, were selected from the students of Geneva College and residents of College Hill. About fifty members of this same cast with some twenty-five boys and girls from the Eighth Street Reformed Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, presented the pageant in the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, as a part of the Annual Conference of The National Reform Association. On December 10th the leading members of the cast, supplemented by some thirty people from Beaver, Pennsylvania, presented the pageant in the High School auditorium of Beaver. Miss Melba Brown, graduate of Geneva College and teacher of public speaking in the Beaver Falls High School, had charge of the training of the cast and was ably assisted by a number of other persons. Many who witnessed the presentation of the pageant have spoken in high commendation of its great message and of the way in which the members of the cast presented it.

Mr. Agnew came on from his home in Philadelphia to witness these presentations of the pageant and gave valuable assistance in directing it.



At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of The National Reform Association the Board organized for the coming year by electing the following officers:

Chairman, Dr. J. S. Martin; Vice-Chairman, Dr. Hugh Leigh, Recording Secretary, Rev. R. W. Redpath; Treasurer, Knox M. Young; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Swartz.

The Departmental Chairman of the Association's work are as follows: Dr. Ella M. George, Publication Department; Dr. Hugh Leith, Field Department; Frank H. Davis, Finance Department. These together with the chairman of the Board and treasurer of the Board, with the President of the Association as chairman, constitute the Administrative Department.

The officers of The National Reform Association elected for the coming year are as follows: President, Dr. R. H. Martin, Vice-President, Dr. Hugh Leith; Secretary, Rev. R. W. Redpath. The list of 57 honorary Vice-Presidents of the past year were reelected and the Rev. J. C. Bloomfield, D.D., President of the Methodist Protestant Conference, was elected as a new honorary Vice-President.

## Mrs. Shepard's Letter

It is most heartening to those of us who carry the message of information against the menace of Mormonism, to occasionally note in Mormon papers, that our message has borne fruit.

In a recent Mormon article about conditions in Pennsylvania, we read, "Some very good friends have been made as we carry our tracts from door to door, but much prejudice prevails throughout the entire district. Some of this has been broken down by the efforts of the missionaries, but the work is proving to be rather slow and difficult. It seems that much antagonism has been created by anti-mormon propaganda."

In another Mormon paper, they relate their experience in a New Jersey town, where they were denied the privilege of speaking on the streets and continue with this, "We have had a number of similar experiences in New Jersey within the past three months. We have been welcomed with open doors until it became known that we were 'Mormons,' then a changed attitude was frequently manifest.

The Mormon elders and lady missionaries are conducting meetings

in the city hall in Philadelphia and relate, "Here we always get a good crowd of intelligent people. We have been holding meetings for some time and without exception from one to six ministers are always present. These ministers are very antagonistic and often address the crowd after our meetings."

We take heart from these reports in Mormon periodicals, and feel assured that all Christians would be antagonistic to this heathen cult if they understood its dangerous teachings.

We hear of so many Christians who turn on their radio to listen to the singing of the Mormon Tabernacle choir, yet the "heads" of that same church have urged their members to never "tune in" on a sermon broadcast by a Christian minister. Rather inconsistent, are they not? They would do their best to proselyte us, but we shall not have the chance to reach their followers by giving them the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

At a recent Mormon conference held in Salt Lake City, the president of the church called special attention to the dissatisfaction among some of the members, who had come from the different missions of the world, who had been comfortably situated in their homelands and had had reasonably good positions, but upon arrival in the United States had been unable to find any work that they were capable of doing; they have become disappointed and have suffered as a result. "Many thousands have come west to Salt Lake City, but," he says, "conditions are not so favorable for immigrants as they have been in former years; practically all the land, where there is any water, has been taken up and in the large cities of Utah there is considerable unemployment." So the missionaries are urged to ask the converts to stay where they are and build up a church in their own community, to become messengers of salvation to their fellowmen.

The real truth of the whole matter is this: these immigrants and converts learn, all too soon, how they have been duped; they see Mormons at close range; they become acquainted with their real teachings; they soon lose faith in the "restored gospel" as revealed through Joseph Smith; they find themselves in debt to the "Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints" for their transportation, which has been advanced to them, and instead of a land of prosperity and riches and success and honor,

they face only disaster and sorrow. So the hierarchy sends forth the law: **make converts stay where they are and build up the church in the home vineyard.**

The heads of the Mormon church have been in Washington to decide upon the church's plans to build an edifice in that city. Several years ago they acquired a site on that part of Sixteenth Street known as Embassy Row. Original plans were to erect a miniature reproduction of the Salt Lake secret Temple on the lot, but so much antagonism from Christian churches has arisen that a decision has not been reached and the church heads now have it under consideration.

As I write, my work is carrying me into various sections of Pennsylvania and I find small Mormon churches springing up in many sections and hall meetings in many cities, where churches have not yet been established.

Mrs. N. O. Pritchard, my most able and consecrated secretary, has been called to Wisconsin by the death of her mother. Prayers and loving sympathy will go out to her in this bereavement, from The Christian Statesman readers who have known of her loyal work to our Association.

A young girl, from Pittsburgh, wrote recently to me of her experience on the Leviathan when she sailed with her father and mother, and found twenty-one Mormon missionaries aboard, and one of them was the professional entertainer on the Leviathan. She writes of how she warned young girls, whom they approached, and closes with this very helpful sentence, "If I hadn't heard some of your lectures on Mormons, I probably would not have realized the danger of associating with them. As it was, I was on my guard; for this, I want to thank you."

How happy I am to hear such words from one who has been informed on the Mormon methods, and of their subtle work.

"New occasions teach new duties time makes ancient good uncouth." The Declaration of Independence was a declaration of war. That may have been the sacred duty of the hour. But we have traveled far along the highway toward Kingdom in one hundred and fifty-five years. Patriotism today must be conservative of achieved results in order to be further progressive. These results can only be conserved by peace.



## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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en successfully a number of times. This new venture opens up a field which gives promise of increasing the service of our Association.

8. Under the leadership of Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard we have begun the organization of a Woman's Auxiliary to aid in enlarging certain departments of our work.

The following are recommendations of the report which were adopted: that the thanks of the Association be expressed especially to John W. Alexander for his liberal support of the Association's work; that for the coming year special attention be given to the Association's Bible in the School, Anti-Mormon and Sabbath work; that we continue the development of our work through pageantry; that we seek the employ of capable and consecrated young persons in the Association's work and also an able and consecrated person to take up work with the Association to help secure funds necessary to carry on its work.

The following whose terms as members of the Board of Directors had expired were reelected for a term of three years: J. R. Cutler, J. R. Copeland, J. S. Tibby, Knox M. Young, Dr. W. L. C. Samson, Dr. D. H. Elliott, Rev. John Shell and Dr. Hugh Leith.

The confidence of the Association in the future was expressed by adopting unanimously the program of work for the coming year which the President had submitted at an earlier date to the Board of Directors and which the Board had adopted. This program is based upon a budget of \$100,000 and follows this report.

### Program for the Coming Year on the Basis of \$100,000 Budget

I. The continuing of research work under our Research Bureau, as follows:

1. The Sabbath.

Continuing of investigations regarding Sabbath laws, court decisions and opinions. Investigations of local contests involving Sabbath ordinances or referendum.

2. Prohibition.

Securing accurate and up to date information regarding Prohibition enforcement and progress of Prohibition.

3. Bible in the schools.

a. To find the proportion of our country's youth which the churches are not reaching with moral and religious instruction and what proportion this number is of the total number in the public schools.

b. Information as to actual use of the Bible in the schools through questionnaires sent out to school superintendents.

c. Information regarding the transferring of week-day religious instruction from the churches to the public schools.

II. The Christian Statesman. The monthly publication of The Christian Statesman probably one-half of the issues devoted to special subjects as the Bible in Schools, Sabbath, etc.

The wide distribution of special issues with a view to reaching persons of influence on the special subjects treated in the issue. Continued publication of The Clip Sheet.

### III. Literature.

1. Sabbath.

a. Preparation and publication of a book on the Sabbath including Sabbath manual.

b. Leaflets on the Sabbath.

2. Bible in the schools.

a. Leaflets on the Michigan campaign.

b. Leaflet by Prof. S. A. Graves.

c. Michigan Citizens re. Bible in the schools.

d. Booklet to take the place of Dr. Fleming's "Bible in the Schools or Chaos."

3. Prohibition.

Leaflets giving information regarding prohibition enforcement and prohibition program.

4. International Peace.

5. Fundamentals of Christian government.

### IV. The public platform.

1. The subjects to be given prominence by our field force.

a. Mormonism and family life.

b. Bible in the public schools.

c. The Sabbath.

d. Prohibition, law observance.

e. International peace.

f. The fundamentals of Christian government.

2. Increase of our field force by adding two or three speakers.

3. Securing place for our speakers on programs of summer assemblies, Winona Lake and others.

4. Service Bureau. Carrying forward of the work of the Service

Bureau including school course lectures and individual lectures.

5. That we make special effort to present our National Reform ideals and program by means of pageants.

### V. Legislative Work.

1. The Sabbath.

a. A Sabbath law for our nation's capital.

b. Participating in state contests and in local contests in cities and towns where Sabbath ordinances are involved.

2. The Bible in the schools.

a. Michigan Bill for Bible reading and Bible teaching in the schools and release time.

b. Legislation for Bible reading in Arkansas, and other states.

3. Probable efforts through courts to secure decisions on Bible reading and teaching in the public schools.

VI. Offering prize to theological students for treatise on some phase of National Reform to awaken interest among theological students in our cause.

VII. Establishing a Woman's Auxiliary to aid in promoting the National Reform cause.

VIII. Securing of finances to support our program.

1. From speakers in the field.

2. Through solicitation by letter from the office.

3. By getting on the budget of individual churches.

4. Through appeals on behalf of special campaigns.

5. Through personal solicitation of persons of means.

6. Through Woman's Auxiliary.

7. Through financial representative.

### OUR APPEAL

The carrying out of this program is dependent upon raising the Budget of \$100,000. Considering the breadth and vital character of the work, the needs of the country and the fact that the work of The National Reform Association is national in scope, this is a small sum with which to carry forward its work. We make our appeal to all our friends and supporters not only to continue, but to increase their support, and to aid us in securing new supporters that we may be enabled to carry out this program of work. Will all our friends not join with us in earnest and believing prayer that God will provide the means to carry forward this cause?